

Resource Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

FOOD ASSISTANCE

The following information about funding included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was compiled by the Office of Congressman Silvestre Reyes. This document is intended to provide the public with basic information of potential federal assistance and funding opportunities. Those interested in these or similar programs should contact the appropriate federal and state agencies for detailed information. Please note: not all applicable programs are included below; the following information is subject to change; and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply.

Grant: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
Amount: \$19.9 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding
Agency: Department of Agriculture
Purpose: To supplement state's existing food stamp program.
Description: Funds will temporarily increase benefits provided under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and help cover administrative and management costs.
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/snap.htm>
State Contacts: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/contact_info/hotlines.htm

Grant: Senior Nutrition Programs
Amount: \$100 million
Type: States will receive formula funding
Agency: Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration on Aging
Purpose: To provide for an additional amount of funds for "Aging Services Programs."
Description: Programs that bring seniors together to eat in group settings and deliver nutritional and dietary safe meals to seniors.
Website: <http://www.aoa.gov/>

Grant: School Lunch Program
Amount: \$100 million
Type: States will receive formula funding and provide competitive grants within the state.
Agency: Department of Agriculture through USDA
Purpose: To carry out a grant program for National School Lunch Program equipment assistance.
Description: Federal school meal program that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day.
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch/>

Grant: Emergency Food Assistance
Amount: \$150 million
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Agency: Department of Agriculture
Description: TEFAP provides USDA commodities to states, who distribute food through local emergency food providers.
Purpose: To provide for costs associated with the distribution of commodity foods.
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/>

Grant: Supplemental WIC Nutrition Program
Amount: \$500 million
Type: Allocated as the Secretary deems necessary
Agency: Department of Agriculture through USDA
Description: WIC provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income women, infants, and children who are found to be at nutritional risk.
Purpose: To support participation should cost or participation exceed budget estimates.
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/howtoapply/default.htm>.